



U.S. Embassy Cairo

International Writer's Program

University of Iowa

Description:

The Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy is pleased to announce the International Writer's Program (IWP). IWP is scheduled to take place at the University of Iowa tentatively from August 23, 2014 to November 11, 2014 and is designated for established and emerging creative writers who have published at least one book (or whose work has appeared in significant publications over the past two years) and possess sufficient proficiency in English to benefit from the experience.

The objective of the program is to bring together a wide range of international and U.S. writers to examine current trends in literature including fiction, drama, poetry and screenwriting and to explore the creative process involved in writing. Participants will spend 10 weeks in residence at the University of Iowa in Iowa City presenting their work to local audiences, participating in university level workshops and working with translators. This aspect of the program will help these participants bring their countries' literary works to a wider audience and learn more about U.S. literature.

The 2014 program will also feature increased opportunities for writers to participate in optional collaborative projects with artists from other disciplines including music, theater, and dance. Further details about the program are available on the IWP website <http://iwp.uiowa.edu/>.

Eligibility Requirements

- Poets, fiction writers, dramatists, and screenwriters, literary translators and writers whose publications and careers focus on creative non-fiction (feature journalism, cultural commentary, biography, and memoirs)
- Candidates should have at least one published volume of work, or works that have appeared in significant publications over a period of at least two years.
- Candidates should be fluent in English.

Application Instructions

Completed applications must include:

- The application form (to download the application, please visit: <http://egypt.usembassy.gov/pa/xchgs.html>)
- A curriculum vitae (C.V.)
- 10-15 page writing sample in English or English translation.
- Copy of Egyptian National ID and/or passport
- One page statement of interest (in English) addressing the following:
 - 1) Why are you interested in participating in the program?
 - 2) What do you anticipate to gain from the experience and how would it contribute to the fulfillment of your professional plans?
 - 3) How might you share this experience with others in Egypt both in your work and community?

Please submit your applications to: ExchangesCairo@state.gov / Subject: 2014 Iowa Writer's Program

Deadline for Applications: April 2, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.